

MUST see blooded Americans admit they would like to have given the army equipment a test in a real battle in Mexico.

HOME EDITION

PERSHING GOES TO SEE BODY OF VILLA

Positive He Will Know Truth in Few Hours.

Seek Doctor Who Last Treated Bandit Leader.

'HAVE TO SHOW ME'—FUNSTON

Must Prove Bandit Is Dead Before Quit Chase.

Disregard Rumors Unless Body Taken to Border.

WASHINGTON DIRECTS PROBE

Consul Letcher Expected to Clear Up New Mystery.

Parral Incident Proves To Be Worse Than Expected.

El Paso, April 17.—The supposed body of Pancho Villa has been delayed in arrival at Chihuahua. General Pershing, who is expected to arrive here today, is expected to arrive here today. The body of Villa, it was announced at headquarters today, Pershing will be able to give positive advice in a few hours as to whether the body is that of the famous bandit leader, unless the corpse is in such a condition as to prevent identification.

General Funston today wired army offices at Douglas, Ariz., to look up a Dr. Witkman, who treated Villa for months last fall and have him view the body. To make the identification more certain, Funston also sent out queries seeking other men who knew Villa. He said the body was exhumed during his recent career. This course on the part of the major general, despite the fact that the official confirmation has come to him of Villa's body having been found, indicated Funston was placing considerable faith in the reports from Douglas. He said he had no information on which to base a surmise that the body is Villa's. But Funston laid emphasis on the fact that the point where the body was exhumed is near the region where Colonel Howze reported Villa's latest operations. The La Borgia region, Howze knew beyond question the Villa was in that region. It was stated at headquarters, but the time was not made clear.

Field Doctor Captive.
Dr. Witkman, treated Villa for a blood disease and was held captive for two months in order to insure Villa medical attendance. He escaped from Villa's army when the forces reached a point near Douglas and army officials lost track of him.
No further information regarding the fighting and killing at Parral had reached headquarters today. The only reports received stated that portions of the Tenth, Eleventh and Thirtieth cavalry were now stationed at Santa Cruz, prepared to defend the position or take up the pursuit again.
No Official Facts Received.
El Paso, April 17.—Carranza Consul Garcia stated today that neither he nor General Gavira in Juarez had any official confirmation of the recovery or identification of the body of Villa. In any event, Garcia stated, the identification would be difficult on account of the length of time the reported Villa was buried and owing to the character of the disease from which he is reported to have died.

San Antonio, April 17.—In response to a suggestion that Mexican officials, eager to be rid of the American troops, might be bringing in a mutilated body that would be falsely identified as Villa's, General Funston said the body would be easily identified as Villa if it were really his.

"I could not be fooled about it," said General Funston. "I would know the body of Villa, however mutilated it might be, by the teeth and the hair and no other body could be passed off on me as that of the bandit."

San Antonio, April 17.—Unless the body reported to be that of Francisco Villa is brought to El Paso, the matter of identification probably will not come to the attention of the military officials. It was announced today that General Funston's headquarters today. General Funston is without official knowledge on the question of Villa's death. It must be noted, however, that no doubt the bandit leader is dead before military authorities will relax the campaign they have been pushing against him, for the last month.

Second Scrap at Parral?
Headquarters is awaiting news from Col. W. C. Brown, of the Tenth cavalry, that General Funston was advised yesterday that Colonel Brown had asked Consul Letcher at Chihuahua to have an aeroplane sent to Santa Cruz near Parral, to carry back dispatch on an occurrence last Thursday night. It is believed by officers that Brown may have a report on a second engagement in the vicinity of Parral.

Washington, April 17.—War officials announced that none of the over-

ONCE MORE—IS HE DEAD?



Pancho Villa, Whose Body It Is It Reported Was Exhumed in Mexico.

SEAT NEW MAYOR BANDITS KILL 4

Edwards Succeeds Jost as Kansas City Executive.

Goes in With 21 Other Republicans Amid Big Celebration.

Kansas City, April 17.—George H. Edwards, Republican, was inaugurated mayor of Kansas City at noon today, succeeding Henry L. Jost, Democrat, who has held the position the last four years.
With Mr. Edwards, eight new members of the upper house of the city, the lower house were inducted into office. Miles Bulger, bolting Democrat, was elected to the city hall, and a ward as an independent candidate, did not qualify for the lower house. That body will name his successor.
The inaugural ceremonies were held in the lower house chambers of the city hall which were profusely decorated with flowers.

Train From Juarez Carries Personal Friends of Villa.

Nephew of Carranza Headed Force Finding Body.

El Paso, April 17.—A train left Juarez for Chihuahua before dawn today with a small group of Americans, including a number who knew Villa intimately. They expected to meet at Chihuahua the body exhumed from the lonely grave in the mountains west of Pateo which Carranza's army had buried in the dead of night. It is generally supposed here that if Villa is dead, the Americans will soon be withdrawn from Mexico.

Pershing Knows Villa.
General Pershing knows Villa. Pershing was near the spot where the supposed body of Villa was exhumed. It is thought he will have something definite to report about the circumstances of Villa's death.
Some of the Americans who left for Chihuahua marched with Villa months during his campaign against Huerta and know practically his every physical peculiarity. Unless the corpse is badly mutilated or decomposed, they will not be deceived.

American officials have feared since Villa was first reported to be dead or dying that the Mexicans might, in a hurried identification and then bury it as a means causing the withdrawal of American forces from Mexico.
Carranza, a nephew of the de facto government's chief, headed the Carranzista detachment which located the supposed body of Villa.

Close "Cafe Wilson" in Belgium.
Amsterdam, April 17.—"Cafe Wilson," at Louvain, named in honor of President Wilson, is no more.
The Belgian owner, after being arrested several times for infraction of German military regulations regarding the dispensing of drinks, hung out the sign "Cafe Wilson," seeking protection behind the name. The German commandant closed the place on charges of law violations.

night dispatches or early telegrams brought any confirmation of the finding of the body of Francisco Villa. Definite information regarding the fate of Francisco Villa, however, is eagerly awaited by administration officials. If the bandit chief is dead as reported in unofficial advices from

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U.S. COMMISSION WILL DISTRIBUTE YUCATAN SISAL

Senate Adopts Motion to Control Twine Plant Product.

Action Follows Long Probe of Alleged Sisal Trust.

COSTS FARMERS \$5,000,000

Move Will Not Reduce Cost, Declares Expert.

Says Uncle Sam Now "Joins Military Monopoly."

Washington, April 17.—Without discussion the senate today adopted Senator Ransdell's resolution directing the federal trade commission to supervise distribution of the available sisal in Yucatan. The commission is ready to undertake the work. The actions is of much importance to the states which use binder twine.

The commission representing Yucatan farmers asked the senate committee to oversee the sale of the crop but it does not come within the province of a legislative body. Chairman Davies of the federal commission has informed Senator Ransdell that he has the machinery to proceed with the distribution and will send two men to Yucatan.

Senator Ransdell will introduce a resolution to put the trade commission in charge.
W. R. Spencer, counsel for the Yucatan commission, announced that the plan would be satisfactory to him, insisting only on the entire domestic demand be supplied before any sisal was sold for export.

Place Orders for Sisal.
Representatives of several twine companies appeared at the hearing today to enter their orders for sisal. Alexander Legg, general manager of the International Harvester company, introduced a statement denying that his company had any interest in twine except to supply it to the farmer at the lowest cost, with a reasonable manufacturer's profit in order to increase the advantages and economies of the company's machinery. He denied that the company has sought to profit financially from the increased cost of the sisal and charged that if the Yucatan commission were approved by the investigation committee it would be able to fix terms of credit and prices.

The increased price of sisal already made will compel the American farmer to enter his orders for more of binder twine this year," said Mr. Legg. He declared his firm's only relation to sisal was that of a competitor. "The open market in sisal," said Mr. Legg, "has been destroyed through the influence of the increased cost of direct coercion of the military government of Yucatan."

Military Controls Crop.
"Every farmer must deliver his sisal to the commission which is appointed and controlled by the military government," said Mr. Legg. "The reason of financial assistance given by Sol Wexler and his associated American bankers, the commission from Rosario to have broken the supply and is in a position to withhold it from the market until it secures the price demanded. It has already raised the price two cents a pound."

If the government of the United States permits this monopoly, the twine manufacturers can continue to do business at an increased cost and come out of the consumer. He will be able to buy sisal and sell twine at prices based on the cost of the twine material as we have done in the past. But as the price of binder twine goes up the American manufacturers must show they are not responsible for the increase.

The real question is what is to be done with a monopoly of this kind which claims to be a monopoly of anti-trust laws on the ground the monopoly is created in Yucatan and is only a means to the end of securing the States although the American bankers furnish the money which they themselves claim is essential to the efficient operation of the monopoly."

NEW LINE OF DEFENSE

Could Not Have Been Shooting Craps Because They Had No Money.
Clarence Anderson was the only one of a gang of arrested for craps shooting Sunday who pleaded guilty this morning and he was the only one who went unpunished. Judge Robert Yates of the police court fined Anderson \$10 but paroled him after delivering a sermon about the kind of company Anderson was found with.

Paddy O'Hara, Jim Musick and Elmer Johnson pleaded not guilty and they will be tried tomorrow afternoon. Clarence Berler was not held in jail yesterday. He was released on bond and his case will come up tomorrow afternoon. O'Hara, Musick and Johnson declared they could not have been shooting craps because they had no money. They never have any, according to Judge Yates.

Anderson is a steady worker and has been watched over to some extent by Judge Yates. He was warned against being found in company with the other men arrested again and Anderson promised to watch them.
"If you get into trouble again," said Judge Yates to Anderson, "you will find this fine and some more against you."

"And," broke in Harvey Parsons, chief, "if you ever try to run from me again you're likely to lose a leg."

Anderson ran after the arrests were made but was recaptured.
Swiss to Import Food.
Paris, April 17.—The Havas correspondent at Bern telegraphs that the Swiss government has decided to prohibit the purchase of transatlantic steamships by the Swiss government to enable it to add to the national food supply and protect it from the Swiss food supply which has been taken up by the federal council.

20 Girls Escape Reformatory by Starting a Riot

San Francisco, Cal., April 17.—Twenty girls escaped last night from St. Catharine's home, a religious institution here for wayward girls, after engaging in a riot, overcoming guards and attendants and putting to flight two policemen who answered a riot call. Twelve were recaptured in the neighborhood. Eight were missing at a late hour.

SINK A NEUTRAL

Norwegian Merchantman Down by Gun Fire.

British Vessel, Harrovian, Unarmed, Also Victim.

London, April 17.—The sinking of a neutral ship and British steamship was reported by Larkia today. The Norwegian ship Glendown was sunk by gunfire. The lost British steamship was the Harrovian which was unarmed.

One, Brand New.
The Glendown, which was sailing from Iquique, Chile, for Calais, was built in 1924 and owned in Christiania. Her gross tonnage was 1,915.

The Harrovian sailed from New York April 2 for Havre. She was a comparatively new vessel, having been built in 1914 for a London company. She was 355 feet long, of 4,309 tons gross.

Turks Sunk Hospital Ship.
Berlin, April 17.—(Via Wireless to Tucker.) Announcement in made by the Turkish government that the Russian hospital ship Portugal, sunk in the Black sea last month, was in fact a large quantity of explosives. The statement was given out yesterday by the Overseas News agency as follows:

The Turkish government publishes the following report of the commander of the Turkish submarine which sank the Russian hospital ship Portugal: "The ship was sighted the night of March 29-30. It was steering to a landing place. When daybreak came it was ascertained that the ship was laden heavily and that it was towing several heavily loaded punts, with numerous occupants. The commander was justified in believing the ship was a transport which was on the way to land troops and supplies. The ship was painted gray, with a small red line, and flew the Russian merchant flag. The ship was sunk by the name of the ship was invisible."

First Torpedo Missed.
"The first torpedo did not hit. After the explosion of the second torpedo, which sank the ship, a violent explosion occurred within the ship. This explosion undoubtedly was due to large quantities of explosives stored in the ship. Immediately after this a destroyer attacked the submarine."

Air Raids at Saloniki Front.
Paris, April 17.—Raids by two French aerial squadrons stationed on the Saloniki front are reported in a bulletin from the French command. One squadron dropped bombs yesterday morning on Bulgarian forces assembled at Strumitsa station. The other dropped bombs on German positions at Bogdantze. Both squadrons returned undamaged.

PRESS CLUB TONIGHT

Banquet for Kansas City Newspaper Men a Delectable Affair.

Arrangements for the Press club banquet at the Mills building tonight in honor of Kansas City newspaper men were completed today noon at the Commercial club at a meeting of officers and members of the entertainment committee. The censor has placed his imprimatur on the banquet and it can be written, excepting to say that the guests will eat all and more than they expect.

Chaired to the Press club's private secretary and dean of active newspaper men in Topeka, will act as toastmaster. He will be followed by E. P. Bartlett, the Press club's soloist, the Orpheum orchestra and boys from the state's colored institute in Topeka. There will be a regular edition of the Bull Con, official Press club publication, and then the remainder of the entertainment, deleted by a censor.

Editors and reporters from the Kansas City Journal and Kansas City Press will be the correspondents from the Associated Press, United Press and International Press associations at the Press club's quarters at 630 O'Connell.
Various of the visitors will respond to toasts. Also talks will be made by Frank P. MacLennan and Governor Arthur Capper.

MORE BAD WEATHER

Unsettled With Showers Probable Is the Outlook.

More rain and unsettled weather is the prospect for tomorrow, coming just at the time when sunshine and warm weather are badly needed. No rain fell at Topeka last night. The sky this morning was cloudy in nearly all parts of Kansas and rain was falling at Jola. The sun shone for a time Sunday afternoon but the day was generally cloudy and cool.

The forecast calls for unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday; probable showers in the east and not much change in temperature.

The lowest temperature at Topeka this morning was 44 degrees at 3 o'clock. This is exactly normal for this date. The morning was damp and raw. The highest temperature on record for this date is 85 degrees, established in 1913. The low record, 27 degrees, occurred in 1907.
The Kaw river today shows a stage (Continued on Page 2)

'TIS A SAD TALE

Christopher W. O'Brien Will Return to California.

Must Answer to a Charge of Grand Larceny.

STOLE HIS WIFE'S DIAMONDS

Rude Awakening of Love's Young Dream, Told by Police.

She Was a Stenographer and Had Got Him a Job.

Christopher W. O'Brien was today taken to Sacramento, Cal., where he must answer a charge of the theft of \$2,000 worth of diamonds belonging to his stenographer bride. O'Brien surrendered himself to Sheriff Kierne, Shawnee county a week ago.

Complaint against O'Brien, the man's wife, was made by her father, a banker at Sacramento, Cal. He said the man's wife, it was she who lost her love and \$2,000 worth of diamonds all in the brief space of a few weeks, according to the story as related by H. M. Ribbe, Sacramento police sergeant, who came to Topeka with papers for O'Brien's return to California.

Nanette O'Brien was a pretty stenographer in the offices of the Pacific Gas & Electric company when O'Brien came on the scene. The young woman had been an employee of the company for several years. She was young, attractive and impressed O'Brien when he first met her.

"He made love to the woman from the start," Ribbe stated today. "It was one of those cases of love at first sight. I guess it was but a short time until they were married."

She Got Him a Job.
O'Brien was without employment. So Mrs. O'Brien was all that a real, true, loving wife should be. She went to the offices of the company, introduced her husband to the manager and secured for him a position as a solicitor.

"I have known the girl fifteen years," said Ribbe, "and they seemed to be a perfect couple. She was just about the happiest little home you could imagine. O'Brien had a job, the bride was happy and everything was well."

Then one day O'Brien was missing. A little investigation showed, also, that the stenographer's diamonds were also gone. Both seemed to disappear at the same time—husband and jewelry.

Then Mrs. O'Brien tearfully told her story to the police. They looked for the ardent lover, but he wasn't in the city. He was not found until last week when a telegram came from Sacramento that he was in California.

O'Brien was arrested by Sheriff Kierne told of the surrender of the man to the county officials. O'Brien had walked into the sheriff's office, stated he was wanted in California for grand larceny, and asked to be locked up. Requests for O'Brien's return were also made by Governor Capper and the man will be returned to California for trial—unless Mrs. O'Brien changes her mind.

A requisition was also honored today for the removal of Ed Baruch from his position as sheriff of Jackson county, Missouri, where he is wanted on a grand larceny charge. It is claimed that he stole jewelry valued at \$242. The man is under arrest in Smith Center.

Wilson in Positive Tone.
The document was characterized by officials today as being very positive in tone and they believed that only a prompt acquiescence by Germany in the position taken by the United States can prevent a break in diplomatic relations. Unofficial dispatches from Berlin indicating that the German government is ready to meet the United States more than half way, it was said, will not change the course of the American government decided on at the state department.

Before the communication to Germany goes forward the president and Secretary Lansing may confer again to decide on the steps to be taken. It was not absolutely necessary.

Is Incident of Germany.
The president and his cabinet have agreed on the steps to be taken and the phraseology of the proposed communication, he intends to include in the indictment of Germany's submarine campaign attack on neutral vessels carrying Americans. That will be on the broad grounds of humanity and for the reason that many of the neutral vessels were going to or from the United States. The state department today received a cable from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, which was said authoritatively was devoted entirely to editorial expression from the German newspapers.

State department officials declared the ambassador had not yet submitted a report of conversations he was reported in press dispatches last week to have had with officials of the foreign office.

Big Fee at Cleveland.
Cleveland, April 17.—Fire destroyed the six-story Wilshire building today, causing a loss of \$100,000. Six firemen were overcome by smoke.

Ford May Head New Party, Rabbi Wise Announces

New York, April 17.—A "third party" movement based upon two principles of progressiveness and anti-militarism, with Henry Ford, Frank Walsh, chairman of the industrial relations commission, and Herbert Bigelow of Ohio as its presidential possibilities, has already made great strides in the middle west, according to Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who returned Sunday from a tour of the leading cities in that part of the country, during which he made speeches against preparedness.

The movement will probably reach the crystallization stage in the course of the next few weeks, it is said, but Mr. Wise would not enter into a discussion of details or personalities in connection with it.

Wounded American.

Two U. S. Citizens on Board Sunk Vessel.

One in Spain Hospital—Fired on Without Warning.

Washington, April 17.—One of two Americans aboard the Russian steamship Imperator, from Gulfport, Miss., for Marseilles, France, was wounded when the vessel was fired upon without warning by an Austrian submarine off the Columbre Islands, according to official advice to the state department today.

The American injured was Gustav Olson, whose father is bandmaster at Fort Warren, Boston. The other American who was aboard was Aner Sweeney, whose brother is foreman of a Minneapolis furniture factory.

The state department's information came from the American consul at Barcelona, Spain. He said the ship was fired upon without warning on April 11. Three shots were fired, one the city with the permission of the state department. The vessel was set afire by the submarine. Olson was reported to be in a hospital at Barcelona, suffering from shrapnel wounds.

U. S. FINAL WORD

Reply to Germany on U-Boats Forwarded Today.

Designed as Last Say on Ship Sinking Issue.

Washington, April 17.—Announcement was made at the White House today that President Wilson had practically completed consideration of the forthcoming communication to Germany and it was indicated that it probably will go forward to Berlin late today or tomorrow.

It was said, it was said, he had been steadily engaged on the note for two days. He did not go to church yesterday but worked practically all day examining evidence submitted by the state department.

The document, officials said, will present the submarine issue in a decision. It was reiterated that the Sussex case would form only a link in the chain of evidence the United States will present to Germany to show that her promises have not been fulfilled.

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DROPPED TWO AIRSHIPS

German Statement Tells of Capture of Enemy Flyers.

Berlin, April 17.—The war office today issued the following statement: "Western front—There are no incidents to report from the western front. The enemy has been brought down by our anti-aircraft guns close behind the Belgian lines and was destroyed by our artillery. First Lieutenant Barthold brought down north-west of Peronne his fifth enemy aeroplane, a British biplane. The pilot was killed and the observer seriously injured."

"Eastern front—The Russians showed great activity at the bridge head near Drinsk. "Balkan theater—There is nothing to report."

WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Unsettled tonight and Tuesday; probable showers in the east; not much change in temperature.

THIS EDITION 2 CENTS

BLAMES U. S. OFFICER FOR PARRAL FIGHT

Mexico City War Office Gets Version of Parral Fight.

Declares U. S. Officer Admitted Making Blunder.

SOLDIERS RETREATED 8 MILES

Funston Peeved Over Fact His Cavalry Force Retired.

Invited Into City by Officer Indicates Attack Was Plot.

Mexico City, April 17.—The war office received a dispatch last night in which further details were given of the Parral affair. It was asserted an American army officer admitted his culpability for entering the town.

The dispatch also says American troops have ceased their movement southward, until such time as the negotiations between the United States and Mexican governments are terminated.

The full text of the dispatch follows: "General Linares, accompanied by Generals Garcia and Hernandez, put an end to the trouble at Parral and persuaded the American troops to retire to the outskirts of that city, where they were followed by the hostile populace."

"At this point the American colonel in charge of the first regiment, asked for a conference, which was held at the village of Santa Cruz Villagran, where the American colonel and the municipal president. The American army officer admitted he had entered the city without permission and claimed he had sent an orderly from the town of Zaragosa, requesting permission to enter, and that, receiving no answer, he had entered on his own. He went to investigate."

"The American officer expressed regret that he had led his troops and the American troops and the constitutional army are working in complete harmony."

"The Americans will not move further south until the result of the interchange of notes between Mexico and the United States is received. At San Antonio, Tex., April 17.—It was a force of Carranzista soldiers who engaged the little detachment of American cavalry at Parral Wednesday night, a regularly organized action, according to a detailed report written by Major General Funston by General Pershing.

Forty of the Mexican soldiers, including one major, and one civilian, were killed. The Carranzista soldiers were two killed and six wounded, including Major Tompkins. His wound was slight."

Major Tompkins' account of the action was received at General Funston's headquarters and sent to the American General Pershing's report received in which the identity of the attacking Carranzista force was given.

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BODY TO JUAREZ?

Gavira Would Bring It to Border for Public View.

But No Official News Reaches De Facto on Death.

El Paso, April 17.—Confirmation of Mexican reports that Francisco Villa's body had been exhumed at San Francisco, and was being brought to Chihuahua was still lacking at Juarez today.

Gabriel Gavira, commander of the Juarez garrison awaited information from official sources, but was unable to report the finding of the bandit's body, but the Mexican telegraph lines brought no new information.

"I still feel reasonably certain that the messages received Sunday over the Mexican land lines that Villa's body had been exhumed at San Francisco, and was being brought to Chihuahua, was correct," said Andres Garcia, Mexican consul here today. "I shall make every effort to have the body brought to Juarez, and to secure a full and satisfactory identification. We should have some official information about the Villa reports today."

Oregon Reported It.
The de facto government officials were not able to give any information regarding an unofficial dispatch from Mexico City stating that Minister of War Orozco had announced that Villa's body was buried in San Francisco, Bojia, and was not en route to Chihuahua City. It was believed here that there was some error in the cable and that the body of Villa was in Mexico City dispatch. Consul Garcia's information was that the body of Villa had been exhumed at San Francisco, and was being brought to Chihuahua, whence it was to be sent on a special train to Chihuahua City.

Official word from Washington that United States troops would be immediately withdrawn from Mexico if Villa was dead was undoubtedly result in expediting the effort of the de facto government to ascertain the truth of the reports of the locating of Villa's body and to secure a full and satisfactory identification. If the supposed body of the bandit still is interred at San Francisco, Bojia, as stated in late Mexican City advice, it will likely be many days before an identification can be made, unless the Mexican government accepts as final the identification made by Carranza officers at the city of San Francisco, Bojia, which is 30 miles by trail south of Cuat.